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Letter dated 1 July 2015 from the Chair of the Committee on Conferences to the President of the Economic and Social Council

In response to the invitation of the Economic and Social Council set forth in its decision 1988/103, the Committee on Conferences met on 29 June 2015 to review the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2016 and 2017 (E/2015/L.8) and welcomed the opportunity to provide, as appropriate, its recommendations thereon to the Council.

In introducing the provisional calendar, the Secretary of the Committee on Conferences drew the attention of the Committee to paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 53/208 A and paragraphs 5 to 9 of Assembly resolution 69/250, in which it was decided that United Nations bodies should be invited to avoid holding meetings on Orthodox Good Friday, Yom Kippur, the Day of Vesak, Diwali, Gurpurab and Orthodox Christmas and that these arrangements should be taken into account when drafting future calendars of conferences and meetings. Regarding the two official holidays of Eid al-Adha and Eid al-Fitr, once their exact dates become known, as with other official United Nations holidays, no official meetings will be scheduled on those days.

The Committee decided to recommend to the Council the adoption of the provisional calendar for 2016 and 2017.

(*Signed*) Imelda **Smolčić**
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